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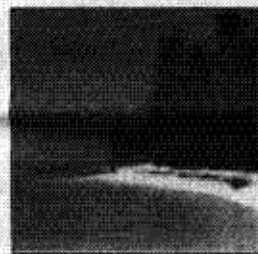
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Tim Mannion

RJ Wohlstrom (18), plays keep-away from a Leopards defender. The Hawks prevailed 5-0 in a hard-fought battle marked by heavy rainfall and muddy conditions. For complete coverage of all sports events, see back page.

Recent attacks in Providence leave students on alert

Alex Kuziw
Contributing Writer

At least one RWU student, and several students from other local colleges, reported being attacked within downtown Providence over the last three weeks.

On September 12, several teenagers assaulted five college students in two separate attacks. Four days later, a 19-year-old RWU sophomore was attacked around midnight while waiting for a bus at Kennedy Plaza.

In an interview, the student, who asked to remain anonymous, said, "They [the attackers] wouldn't leave us alone. They took off their shirts and kept trying to start a fight. But we just kept turning away, ignoring them. They were threatening to stab us, then they walked away and a few minutes later came up from behind and punched me in the eye and as I was down, they hit someone else."

After the incident, a friend called 911 and the police responded immediately.

But the students claimed the police were not helpful. One individual stated the police officer said to "suck it up, it happens all the time."

The student did not get medical treatment until he returned to the RWU campus, where Public Safety and EMTs treated and released him.

A campus-wide email was sent out to all RWU students last week from Public Safety, encouraging them to take extra precautions when traveling in Providence.

Men's Volleyball Spiked

Varsity team becomes club,
coaches and players disgruntled

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

There were times in the not-so-distant past when the Roger Williams University men's volleyball team seemed so good, the only team in the region who could stop them was their own.

All that changed last May, just a week after the completion of the spring semester, when the varsity sport was unexpectedly changed to a club-level sport by the school's athletic department. The team and its supporters, including former captain Jack Delehanty, felt as though the administration had ruled the day.

"Our team was never fully accepted by the department," Delehanty said. "I think all of the ethics involved were terrible."

But Athletic Director George Kolb, who takes the responsibility for the dismissal of one of the most successful athletic teams at RWU, said he was forced to make one of the most difficult decisions of his brief tenure.

"It was incredibly difficult," said Kolb. "I am a person who labors on these decisions and

always wants to do the right thing. We knew people would be upset and we were trying to handle it in the most caring way possible."

The controversy brought the athletic department's decision-making process to the forefront. While the department budget was a primary concern, other reasons ranged from the association of RWU teams to conference alignment, and the need for a swimming team.

Kolb had a lot of selling to do on both sides to prove that the decision was best for everyone.

"We had to look at every team, given our limited resources, and decide 'Is every sport in its place?'" he said. "We definitely value men's volleyball, and it will be better served in the long run as a club sport."

Men's volleyball, which competed in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA), was forced to travel outside of New England several times during the season. The only two teams in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) that sponsor men's volleyball, Endicott College

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Students prove: We never really grow up

Senate OK's Slip 'n Slide

Aubrey Joyce
News Editor

Wham-O's Slip 'n Slide water toy was a memorable part of childhood summers. For those unfortunate enough not to know the Slip 'n Slide, it is a long piece of plastic (the original was 22 feet long) with an automatic "splash and dump" tunnel that spills water on the rider as they rocket down the slide.

On those hot childhood days, mom and dad would set up the garden hose, and kids could get a running start and slide down. The Quality Recreation Website calls

Slip 'n Slide "hours of wet, soaking and sliding fun."

On Sunday, September 5, a few RWU male students decided to reinvent the Slip 'n Slide in the middle of the Tidewater section of the Bayside compound. The students took a ride to Home Depot and purchased a 100-foot piece of painter's plastic and a 16-foot garden hose from Ace Hardware. They used croquet stakes to keep the plastic firmly secured in the ground. They separated the slide

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Photos: Blaine Moffa

The Tidewater Quad was a flourish of activity the first week of school, as a group of friends created their own Slip 'n Slide. Senate currently passed a bill allowing the activity on campus. Final word is expected from DSL.



From Providence, with love

"Manifest Grocery"

Chris Villano
Contributing Writer

Four weeks living off campus and there is one thing I've learned: man cannot survive on Wendy's Dollar Menu alone. Much like the early Americans felt the need to leave their comfort zones and migrate West, my brethren and I felt the primordial urge to feast upon beasts aside from the chicken (nugget) and the cow (Junior Bacon Cheeseburger). The logical solution to satisfy our urges would be to go to our local grocery store, but logical thinking is for logical people, and we are not them.

There's only so many times you can hear "Won't fit in there? Why don't you stick it in my trunk," before you start to wonder if you've made a mistake. What started out as a genius idea to go to Sam's Club and buy in bulk turned into "Pedestrian Last Comic Standing" in the parking lot. Yes, we were those guys, sitting around a Jeep Grand Cherokee with a 52-inch TV that wouldn't fit in the back. We had ropes, but when tying it to the roof was completely out of the question, we were out of options. We needed a solution and we needed it fast. If one more toothless, local, inbred monkey asked to come watch the friggin' Pats on my TV, I was going to explode. Thankfully, being a stu-

dent at RWU has taught us to be resourceful, like taking your closet door off and using it as a beer pong table, or using those empty bottles of grain alcohol for a fish bowl. We put our MacGyver skills to work and found a big piece of steel in a nearby garbage can, rigged up a net-like system to the bumper and dragged the TV from Seekonk to Providence. Amazing, right? Too bad I'm lying, but that idea did come up. So did you know they rent trucks at Home Depot at hourly rates? I didn't.

Eventually we did make it to a grocery store, and of course it was Stop & Shop. The idea of buying my own food seemed to be nothing but positive. The greatest benefit was that now I could finally get something to eat past nine at night. I'm one of those people who hates to wake up early, (I schedule my classes late for a reason). I operate on a later schedule than, well, the real world. I don't know what a midnight snack is, because midnight is almost dinnertime, and only filthy, spoiled, rabid little kids eat snacks for dinner. If I had to operate on the RWU dining schedule for one more year I'd go nuts. I can't imagine my landlord stopping by to say "Sorry guys, but your fridge closes at seven, however, you will have the opportunity to transfer your fridge

points to the Tyndall Ave. dumpster, but only until nine and then your on your own. But hey, there's always China Moon."

On the way to Stop & Shop I felt like a blushing bride. I couldn't wait to walk down the aisles in all my glory. However, once I walked in the door things were a little different. The confusion I felt reminded me of my virginity using EGOS (Express Grill Ordering System) at Transfer; the only thing missing was some monotone robot woman following me around asking if I wanted to combo my order. I was really amazed at how grocery stores have grown over the years. I remember when I was five, I used to ride in the cart while my mom pushed and bought actual food. Now, on your way to the milk section you can do your taxes, ship a package to Nigeria or even purchase a few acres of the moon. The complexities of this "grocery store on steroids" hit my buddy James the worst. He spent most of his time looking for creamed spinach, but the frozen foods/movie rental section was so big he wandered into another zip code and got charged for roaming on his cell phone. Who knew "buying food" and "food shopping" were totally different concepts? Screw it, I'm going to Wendy's.

Police Beat

(Can we say boring?)

Tuesday, September 14, at 11:08 a.m.: A wallet was reported stolen from campus.

Wednesday, September 15, at 12:50 a.m.: A student requested assistance returning to campus following a motor vehicle accident.

Friday, September 17, at 3:10 p.m.: A student reported vandalism to the hood of their vehicle on Old Ferry Road.

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CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the Herald, we captioned a picture of students obtaining fish at the Club Fair. We incorrectly labeled the club that gave them away: it was not the Scuba Club, it was CEN. We apologize for the mistake, Joe!

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For daily updates, additional photos and back issues, visit our website at <http://clubs.rwu.edu/hawksherald> (coming soon!)

Editor's Desk

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2:43 p.m.

Today's message is brought to you by Thumper.

I was recently sitting in a room when two faculty members and a student began discussing the Herald. To my best knowledge, I don't believe they knew who I was; however, their conversation caught my attention. They took it upon themselves to mock several aspects of the paper: the lack of "interesting" stories, "amazement" regarding the color (but only in the banner apparently) and the validity of the most "important" stories on the front page.

Now - as editors, we understand and welcome constructive criticism. To be honest, we get it every week from a particular professor (Thanks Ted!), but he is never blatantly mean about it. His goal is to help us be better at what we do.

To the University community: We are proud of this paper. In fact, we consider it our best accomplishment at RWU. Pick up a copy of the paper from 2001. Do you notice the changes? If you wonder what we do up here, feel free to stop by. We're here approximately 30 hours a week. If you would like to comment on the content of the paper, feel free to submit a Letter to the Editor. If you would like to speak amongst yourselves, that's fine. But remember - you never know who is listening and who might be hurt by what you say.

Thumper says, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

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Slide

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into two sections: the first ended with the "slippy 50" and the second with the "slippery 100." According to William Rich, one of the students who thought of the Slip 'n Slide reinvention, the students lubricated the slide with water, lathered themselves with various dish soaps, and went sliding. "It was awesome," said Rich.

The students participated in the Slip 'n Slide activity on at least three occasions, but on September 11, they were given a warning by a Bayside Resident Assistant, acting as an agent of the Head Resident Assistant (HRA) and Coordinator of Resident Education (CORE) of the Bayside Compound, to put it away and not use it

again. The students were informed that facilities had an issue with the safety of the activity, and they should see the Head RA or the Coordinator if they had any questions or concerns regarding the order. The students acted accordingly, reporting to the Head RA, still all soapy and wet from the day's activities. At that time, they were notified by the Head RA that they did, in fact, have to cease using the slip 'n slide.

The students refused to give up on their fun, so they proceeded in the democratic way by going to the Student Senate. Christopher Rubertone and Scott Carlson, two students involved in the slip 'n slide activities, created a bill, "A Resolution Requesting the Injunction Against Slip 'n Slide use in Bayside

be Repealed." Senate passed the bill on Monday, September 20. Included was the students' affirmation that the slip 'n slide is in accordance with the values set forth in the Roger Williams University student handbook. Paragraph XIII of the bill states, "Whereas, the Roger Williams University student handbook further states that 'The University's role is to provide a competent and caring staff who will challenge you, the student to try new things, learn as much as you can, and have fun while you do it.'" The students dismissed the safety concerns of the activity, reiterating that the toy was created for children five years and older.

The final decision is currently being made by the Department of Student Life.

Political candidates encourage students to get involved

Allisyn Deyo
Managing Editor

Dave Rogers, the Republican challenger for the 1st Congressional District, spoke during June Speakman's "Campaigns and Elections" class on September 16. A former Navy S.E.A.L., Rogers is running against incumbent Patrick Kennedy in November's election.

Rogers also ran in 2002, losing with a respectable 37 percent of the vote.

"I got beaten up pretty bad in that election," he said. "However, we did better than anyone had done before."

Rogers was invited to campus by Speakman, a political science professor, who requires students to get involved

with a campaign during her class.

Stephanie Manzi, an associate professor of criminal justice, came in



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to recruit student volunteers earlier in the semester. Manzi handily won the Johnston District 5 Town Council primary on September 14, and is headed to the general election in November.

Rogers, along with Manzi, encouraged the

students to get involved with any political campaign — not just theirs.

"Find somebody who's running and help them out," said Rogers. "The people who show up are the ones that we need."

On Monday, September 27, the campaign manager for Congressman Patrick Kennedy will be on campus talking to Speakman's classes.

The November election are rapidly approaching, so there is still plenty of time to find a cause or a candidate that interests you and get involved.

One way: go to justvote.org and register to vote. If you are registered, apply for an absentee ballot from your home state.

Happy White Center key to bridging the University community

Max Covill
Contributing Writer

Dr. Mary (Happy) White is giving back to her alma mater. On September 16, President Nirschel, along with friends and faculty, celebrated the dedication of the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center, located on the first floor of the library. The center will be used for Socrates Café discussions, as well as provide an atmosphere that links personal experience and professional expertise within

the University community.

Dr. White made the donation, the largest alumni gift ever received by RWU, earlier in the year. White hopes the space will "bridge the world" with interaction, debate and education.

Dr. White received her bachelor's in fine arts in 1976 at the age of 60 and graduated summa cum laude. "The faculty was wonderful," she said of her experience, "...The most important thing is to do what you love with



Max Covill

Above, Mary Tefft White speaks at the center's dedication.

all your heart and soul."

RWU awarded her an honorary doctorate of humanitarian service in 2002 for her philanthropic work in the culture, education, government and arts in Rhode Island.

Ceremonial remarks were given by President Nirschel, Dr. Mary White and Peter Deekle, Dean of Library Services, as well as David Macaulay, author and illustrator, and Darell West, senior professor of political sci-

ence and public policy at Brown University.

Throughout the ceremony, comments were made that the library was the "heart of the institution," and there was no better way to bring people together than having a place where everyone can gather and interact on a variety of issues.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of a plaque, dedicating the new space in her name, followed by the first Socrates Café.

Senate debates class representation

Allisyn Deyo
Managing Editor

Slip 'n Sliders take heart: "A Resolution Requesting the Injunction Against Slip 'n Slide Use in Bayside Be Repealed," was passed in the Student Senate Monday evening. The bill will be presented to Jen Stanley in the Department of Student Life, and if all goes as planned, Slip 'n Sliding will no longer be outlawed on school grounds.

The controversy began when several students in Bayside purchased a tarp, hooked up a water

hose and regressed to childhood. Eventually stopped by a CORE and an R.A., the students took their plea to members of the Student Senate. If the advice of the senate is accepted by the DSL, students will be allowed to use the Slip 'n Slide, providing they do not leave it out and ruin the grass below.

The senate also passed a bill that would expand the senate by two members. Because this bill changes the senate's constitution, the entire student body must approve it during the fall elections.

RWU typically has 18 members on the senate, four of whom serve on the Executive Board, and one parliamentarian (who serves as counsel and is not a voting member). The ratio of senators to students is 1:189; by adding two members, that ratio would change to 1:170. Bentley College in Waltham, MA, and Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, are small, private schools similar to RWU. Bentley averages 1:160, that is, one senator to every 160 students, and Quinnipiac averages 1:98 (from COSGA).

Senator Derek Harnsberger broached the topic of adding an amendment that would

require each class receive equal representation, i.e., five senators each. Harnsberger did so in response to the significant number of seniors now serving: 11, in a group of 15 (three spots are held for incoming freshmen and transfer students).

Equal representation on a student senate is common. Bentley's constitution requires three students from each class, while Quinnipiac's calls for eight from the junior and senior classes, and 10 from the freshmen and sophomore classes.

The idea garnered little support during the meeting, and will not be attached to the bill.

Senior displays enthusiasm in Providence exhibit

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

Laurie Schorr calls her exhibit the triumphant conclusion of "a lot of tears, and a lot of sleepless nights."

Schorr's work stems from a photography workshop she attended in Maine this past summer. Her exhibit was featured in the Metro Gallery at the Providence campus on Thursday, September 16. The senior communications and visual arts double major took immense pride in her work and was excited, as well as

unnerved, to have it open for public viewing.

"I want to hear the feedback and the comments," she said. "It's so nice to see it here all together."

After winning the Lacoletti scholarship in the spring of 2004, Schorr was granted the opportunity to attend the Maine Photographic Workshops, a prestigious seven-week course where students took advantage of the varied landscape of the state, from coastlines to pastures.

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By Heather Kordula

Get Involved with Academic Opportunities in MNS

Winter Intersession in Belize

During winter intersession in January, students have the opportunity to travel to one of the most beautiful regions of the world and obtain firsthand experience with its natural ecosystem. The class, Tropical Ecology, is an intensive three-credit course in which the students explore the cultural and natural highlights of the country, including the exploration of coral reefs, sandy shores, mangrove swamps and freshwater habitats. Students must be of junior or senior standing in order to participate.

Study Abroad in Bermuda

Want to get away from New England? Then the Bermuda Biological Station for Research is the place for you. Learn coral reef ecology and marine invertebrate zoology, research diving, and conduct your own research project of choice in this semester-long study abroad opportunity. Students will receive credit for a full semester. Students may apply during the spring semester.

SEA Semester

Spend a semester at sea through the Sea Education Association of Wood's Hole, Massachusetts. This exciting opportunity combines intensive research in oceanography, maritime studies and nautical science, as well as an independent research project. The prerequisite for this full semester's worth of credit is completion of all writing, math and CORE classes. Students must also maintain a GPA of 2.5 and receive permission from the programs faculty.

Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society

Tri-Beta is an honor and professional honor society for students of the biological sciences. It was established at RWU in 2003 and currently has 33 student members and 10 faculty members. Membership is by invitation to all those who meet the following requirements: are biology or marine biology majors, have taken at least three biology courses (one of which must be an upper level course), have maintained at least a 3.3 GPA, and are in good academic standing.

For more information check out the biology website at <http://department.rwu.edu/~biology>



Garry Dow

Picture taken during winter intersession in Belize.

Clubs

American Chemical Society (ACS)
Marine Science Club
Environmental and Animal Rights Club
SCUBA Club
Pre-Med/Pre-Vet Club

Science & Math Seminar Series

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m.
MNS 200

September 29

Dr. Lisa Dabek
Roger Williams Park Zoo
Tree Kangaroo Conservation

October 6

Dr. Sonya Dyhrman (WHOI) & Katie Dunn '06 (RWU) ~ Genome-Enabled Oceanography
Trace Metal Effects on the Marine Diatom *Thalassiosira pseudonana*

Research Opportunities For Science Majors

There are many research opportunities available for science majors here at Roger Williams University. It can be a very rewarding experience and a way to learn and gain new insights. During the school year students can earn credit or work-study through research, or can opt to stay over the summer and conduct research through grants provided by the faculty of the Mark Gould Memorial Fellowship. Below are just some of the opportunities and faculty members available to you.

Avelina Espinosa, Biology

Research Interests: Microbial pathogenesis, Parasite-human interactions, Biotechnology
Possible Student Projects: isolate and identify pathogenic bacteria in fish, use web resources to identify new bacterial proteins of pathogenic bacteria and follow host defense mechanisms, examine gene-transfer rates in bacteria
Email: aespinosa@rwu.edu

Dale Leavitt, Biology, Marine Biology

Research Interests: Aquaculture
Possible Student Projects: Developing means to control trematode infestations in oyster/mussel gonads
Email: dleavitt@rwu.edu

Marcie Marston, Biology, Marine Biology

Research Interests: Coevolution and Bacteria and Viruses, Marine Viruses, Genetics of Host-Pathogen Interaction
Possible Student Projects: Evolution of viral virulence, isolation, and identification of marine viruses, population genetics of invasive species
Email: mmarston@rwu.edu

Skip Pomeroy, Biology, Marine Biology

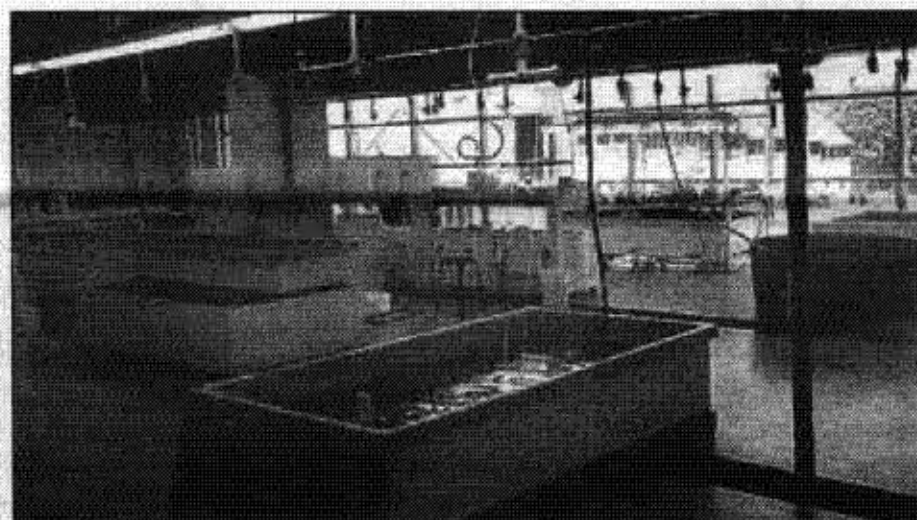
Research Interests: Animal Behavior, Aquaculture, Ecology
Possible Student Projects: Impact of broodstock diet on clownfish egg production, comparison of fish larval rearing techniques, impact evolutionary significance of bird flocks and fish schools
Email: spomeroy@rwu.edu

Timothy Scott, Biology, Marine Biology

Research Interests: Shellfish Aquaculture, Marine Habitat Restoration
Possible Student Projects: bivalves as biological filters for Mount Hope Bay, growth rate/food quality projects in aquaculture
Email: tscott@rwu.edu

Kerri Warren, Biology

Research Interests: Zebrafish- genetics of heart formation and function, differentiation of specialized muscle tissue
Possible Student Projects: Maturation of cardiac muscle, evaluation of factors affecting breeding success and normal embryological development
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Paul Webb, Biology, Marine Biology

Research Interests: Behavioral and physiological ecology of marine mammals and other marine vertebrates
Possible Student Projects: site fidelity and diet of local seal populations, marine vertebrate physiology, seasonal migration of seals
Email: pwebb@rwu.edu

Stephen O'Shea, Chemistry

Research Interests: Environmental chemistry and toxicology
Possible Student Projects: chemical topography of toxic waste site areas, analysis, and determination of toxic species
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Dan Von Riesen, Chemistry

Research Interests: Organic Synthesis
Possible Student Projects: Differentiation of plant varieties via HPLC and GC-MS, cycloaddition reactions of ketenes, syntheses of linear bridging ligands
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Sean Colin, Environmental Science, Marine Biology

Research Interests: Evolutionary ecology of the copepod-toxic alga relationship, behavior of copepods
Possible Student Projects: Video analysis of medusan feeding and swimming, feeding ecology of small hydromedusae, grazing and growth of cultured copepods
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The Faraway Country: Student reflects on life, struggle in Haiti

Elhiasar Steve
Contributing Writer

The sun smiled and warmed his skin. The heated sand swallowed his feet. Baby waves crashed against the beach. They played *futbol*, and when they were tired, they sipped on sweet coconut juice and ate frittais. David Jean and his friends stared at the ocean, forgetting for a moment that everything in Haiti wasn't as clear as the water.

Jean, now 20, is a junior at Roger Williams University. He hasn't been to Haiti since his family left more than four years ago. He still misses his homeland, but is assimilating to American culture despite the differences. Jean has been following the current crisis in Haiti, but maintains that there's more to the country than the political instability portrayed on television.

The Port-au-Prince native doesn't feel life is totally different in the city as opposed to the country, however, there are more opportunities for jobs in the capital city. According to Jean, the jobs are there if you have an education, but education is rarely available.

Despite the higher quality of life, Jean doesn't feel comfortable in Port-au-Prince.

"It's not safe sometimes because there would be a coup d'état. So sometimes you would hear gunshots outside," Jean says.

When asked what Haiti's biggest problem is, Jean laughs.

"We have a lot. We have a lot of number one problems. If we had a stable government things would be better...

Things would work smoothly from there."

Jean has felt that the United States or other countries should get involved in the crisis in Haiti, but a lot of Haitians disagree with him, and believe they should police themselves.

"We've [Haiti] had independence for 200 years and we've done nothing with it. So we need help, because we should be a lot further than we are now," says Jean.

RWU Political Science Professor Ernie Greco, adds that the reason Haiti has struggled over such a period of time is because it didn't have any experience with governing.

Greco explains that upon independence, Haiti had a minority of slave owners and a majority of slaves, but it lacked a middle class to provide financial independence. "It was overwhelmingly made up of slaves and they had no experience in any kind of self-government or self-rule."

Jean says that lack of

rights. Haiti is a very poor country, but before they can do anything financially, they need to build credibility as a state."

Although Jean says that the U.S. should get involved, he admits other countries, such as those in Africa, are in direr predicaments.

"In Liberia, there's still a civil war and a lot of people are getting killed," he says. "In Haiti, we had civil war years ago, and then it quieted down, but picked back up again. So in other places, there is constant violence."

Despite the volatility of Haiti, Jean describes it as a laid back area, at least for teens. Similar to Americans, Haitian teens want to hang out with their friends and play sports such as soccer and basketball. Haitian families tend to stick together in large extended groups. Jean says that the men primarily work while the women stay home as housewives. With the women at home, the children tend to be closer and more comfortable with their mothers.

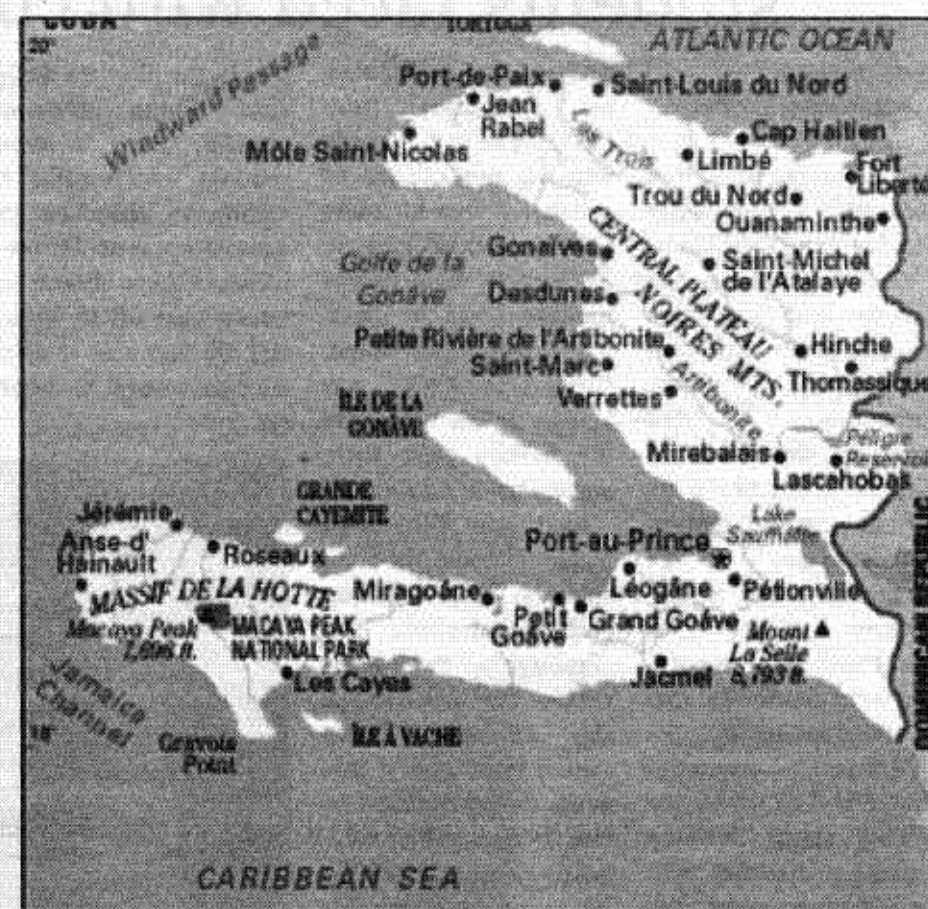
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governmental control and leadership has crippled the small island nation for its two centuries of existence.

Greco agrees, "The political leadership needs to respect the political opposition and the rule of law. The Aristide regime was elected democratically but they haven't governed in a democratic way by respecting the opposition and minority

Jean still has aunts and cousins in Haiti, but he says they have no plans on coming to this country because they aren't being persecuted and they have jobs.

"In Haiti, if I don't like you, you would know I don't like you. Here, people will smile at you even if they don't like you. I would say the people in Haiti are very honest about their feelings.



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It's good and bad from both sides because you don't want to hurt people's feelings by [being] honest," Jean says about the people in his country.

"What's similar over here and over there is that teens just want to get drunk. It's kind of like that all over the world," he laughs.

Jean admits that the language barrier has

don't understand that."

Being from a third world country, he tries not to take things for granted. For example, he tends to forget about electricity because he doesn't have to think about it here, but in Port-au-Prince, and other areas of Haiti, blackouts are normal occurrences.

Fast food is his biggest weakness, in the U.S.

he says. "They call them liberators, because the government was the worst in my lifetime.

The thing Jean wants RWU students to know about Haiti is its people and that it is not a dump, as someone once said while watching the political crisis a month ago.

"It seems like a lot of people, all they know is that Haiti is poor. It's true, but some areas are nice. There are a lot of nice things to see. Of course, it's bad, but it's not like we don't have anything good to offer, we do."

been a hard transition for him. He constantly asks his friends to explain certain colloquialisms. He explains that earlier in the day while he was talking to a friend over the phone, she used the term "McDonald's" feet, and he wasn't sure what that meant.

"I didn't know she was talking about the clown," he says.

Greco, who has Jean in one of his classes describes him as "intellectually curious" and very interested in politics.

Junior Bryant Fils says, "I enjoy his stories. He has stories about everything. He's a good friend and a good person."

Jean enjoys basketball and football because they are "dynamic," but "baseball... I

and in Haiti. Jean's favorite place to eat is Wendy's. In Haiti, he says that his favorite food is "fritay," consisting of fried pork, fried plantain, and spicy lettuce.

"Everything is fried and everything is really good," he says.

He misses the ocean in Haiti. There's ocean here, but according to Jean, it's not as clean. He loves it when the water is clear and he can see the fish.

When the political uprising was occurring in Haiti, Jean says he and many other Haitians saw it from another perspective. He says that when he watched the news broadcast of the crisis, he heard the term "rebels" a lot.

"They don't call them rebels there [in Haiti],"



Courtesy AP

More than 1,000 people are still missing following the damage from Tropical Storm Jeanne.

Editor's Note:

This interview was conducted in the spring of 2004. During the past several months, Haiti has undergone some major changes. In addition to the civil unrest, Haiti lost over 1,000 citizens as a result of Tropical Storm Jeanne. The Boston Red Sox have helped to raise over \$200,000 to send to the flooded country. For more information, please visit www.redsox.com.



Strapped for Cash: As tuition rises, students faced with choosing debt or transfer

Kellie Corcoran
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In the spring of 2003, a seemingly normal night of relaxing in front of the TV and watching the Celtics with the guys became quite different for senior Matthew Cancelliere. He had struggled for weeks to find the words to tell his friends that he had to transfer schools. On this particular night, a discussion about the upcoming year started, and Matt finally decided to reveal his secret.

"I didn't tell anyone at first, and then we started talking about rooming situations for the next year. I broke down and told them and then it all became really real and very sad." For Matt, the strain of college tuition had finally become too much for his wallet.

After spending two years at RWU, he decided to withdraw from the University and opted to attend a significantly cheaper school, Central Connecticut State University. On one of his recent trips to RWU to catch up with friends, he recalled his exact reason for transferring "was mainly a money issue." His parents offered to take out loans for college, but said that he would be responsible for paying back all the money.

"I didn't want to be up to my eyeballs in debt," Cancelliere said. After a whirlwind spring semester, it was time for summer vacation and for Matt to officially depart from RWU.

Now, over a year later, Matt is happy with his

decision, but still misses the memories from RWU. "I miss the people and the atmosphere of college. I live at home [in Connecticut] now, so it's hard to meet people because I go to class, work, and then home. [Living at RWU] was always a blast because my friends were there around me at all times."

Each year RWU loses many students to other schools where tuition costs significantly less. Although not the leading reason for withdrawal, the annually rising tuition costs play a role in the freshmen retention rate. In September 2003, nearly a quarter of the incoming sophomores were absent on the first day of classes, and for many students, the reason involved money.

The projected cost of attendance for the 2004-2005 school year is approximately \$30,793 for the non-architecture undergrad enrolled in the day program, and is contingent upon residency. Tuition alone is \$20,910 per student, more than a 20 percent increase since 1998 when figures were only \$15,960.

The pockets of many families are continuously weighed upon, and many students are forced to rethink their college decisions. In a 1998 survey performed by the National Enrollment Management, it was determined that over one-fourth of college students will leave their first college after freshman year (www.nrc-cua.org). There are a variety of reasons for this withdrawal, but tuition plays an integral

role in the ultimate decision. Some students transfer, many to state schools which offer a significant reduction in educational costs for residents. Others choose to take a year off to work, and are thus able to earn enough money to deter the costs.

m, 83 percent of RWU freshmen receive some form of financial aid, whether it is through work study, loans, or grants. The median financial aid package is roughly \$15,300 for the average student, still, many students are left with staggering debt

example, Johnson & Wales offers 87 percent of their students some type of financial help; Bryant awards 94 percent of their students, and 80 percent of students receive aid at URI.

Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Retention, confirms that tuition costs for the 2004/2005 academic year have increased by approximately 4.5 percent. With this increase comes an expansion in the financial aid budget. According to Fawthrop, "in general the amount of [financial aid] dollars we are able to offer goes up annually; for instance our budget this [past] year was \$21 million. [This] year our budget is about \$22.1 million in terms of available funds."

For junior Eddie Opalacz the financial aid and loan options are not enough to keep him at RWU. He decided to withdraw from the University, commenting, "the money issue is a part of it...with college tuition in general going up every year it will take a lot outta your wallet."

Like Cancelliere, the decision was ultimately Opalacz's own, rather than his parents'. The idea of having loans years down the road was frustrating, and the decision for Opalacz was "half and half- my parents never really pushed me to leave. If I really wanted to stay I could, but that would mean a lot of different changes with my brother going to school next year."

This fall Opalacz packed his belongings

and began his new life at the University of Connecticut. Opalacz's departure from RWU left him missing a variety of things, most importantly "The friends that I've made here; they are great people and I will miss joking around with them all the time."

There are a number of students who have contemplated the idea of transferring, but for different reasons have decided to stay at RWU. Junior Daniel Golyn is one of these people. Last year he filled out applications to an assortment of California state schools. "I thought about transferring because of the price of the school is too high, and I didn't want to pay off loans my whole life."

After much debate and the realization that he would miss his friends and the community, he decided to finish his college career in Rhode Island. To pay for his decision, Golyn has taken out several loans to offset the price.

"This school is expensive and the only way I was able to go was through loans," Golyn explains. He is confident with his final decision. "In the end it will be worth the loans because of the education I'm getting from here."

As for Matt Cancelliere, the memories he made seem to surmount any money issues.

"If I won \$90 million with the Lotto, I think I would spend eight years in college getting a degree in everything I could, and I would most definitely go back to RWU."

Tuition and fees: private, four-year New England schools

(before room and board)

Roger Williams University	\$20,808
Quinnipiac University	\$21,540
Bentley College	\$25,330
Yanfield University	\$27,930
Tufts University	\$28,859
Dartmouth College	\$28,832
Amherst College	\$29,170
Brown University	\$29,200
Wesleyan University	\$29,781
Dartmouth College	\$30,527
Mt. Holyoke College	\$30,770

Source: The Princeton Review

It has been shown by the National Research Center for College and University Admissions that many students who take time off rarely decide to return to school. This is detrimental in the long-run, for "students with at least some college can expect to earn \$30,400 per year, which is 25 percent less than those who complete college" (www.nrc-cua.org). Others prefer to fill out the FAFSA forms, hoping to receive the best financial aid packages, and take out loans to pay off later. According to www.CollegeProfiles.co

after graduation.

According to one of the leading student loan corporations, Nellie Mae, debt among college graduates has risen to approximately \$17,100 in 2002 for those attending public school, and over \$21,200 for those at private universities. These figures are steadily on the rise, and many students find their future debt daunting. In the end, the option to attend a cheaper school is a welcomed solution for many.

In local comparison, the financial aid offered to students is comparable with RWU. For

Gallery

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"I'd just get in my car and drive up and down the coast of Maine," said Schorr. "I'd look for places that reminded me of places from my childhood... or places like I'd see in dreams. I wanted to see if the photos could carry themselves just as writing."

The black and white images captured the essence of rural America. The settings have a meticulous blend

of the mundane and the sublime. Each carries a story and, as Schorr explained, intend to impart a sense of nostalgia.

"They all have a sense of purpose," she said, "a little quirk - so strange, but so beautifully strange."

For one of her photographs, Schorr explains, "We had taken a ferry to Vinal Haven, a small island off the coast of Rockland. It was a rainy day, and we were on the island for the entire day

with only the commitment of catching the ferry to bring us back at the end of the day. It was pouring so we had to deal with using our equipment in the rain."

"I was enraptured by the whole sense of mystery on the island. There was an entire island full of people... But it was as if everyone had vanished. There was a real sense of enchantment, and the fog and the rain really added to that."

Professor Michael Rich helped Schorr dis-

play her work in the gallery, and couldn't help but sing the praises of the young photographer.

"Laurie's done some very beautiful work," he said. "She's one of our better visual arts students... She works very hard. We're really blessed to have this artwork up for display, and this is a big step forward for her."

For gallery hours, please contact the Providence Metro Campus.



Laurie Schorr

Above, "Boat," a photograph in Schorr's exhibit in Providence.

Volleyball

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and Wentworth Institute of Technology, play in the Northeastern Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA), a conference with less competition, but more teams.

According to Delehanty, the team offered to switch to a local conference and head coach, Michael Holden, offered to stay on for free in an effort to reduce costs.

"The school said no to this, so this was obviously not the reason," said Delehanty.

Kolb acknowledged certain budget concerns, but said there were other reasons for the decision.

"We need to look at who Roger Williams associates with as a whole," he said.

"Swimming is a better fit for who we are and where we're going. It's close to getting sponsored by the conference, and I believe that other schools will sponsor it in the future. Regionally, there is a lot of competition outside the CCC... I didn't feel like the volleyball team was a viable option when you look at our associations and who we compete against... Swimming is a better fit. Volleyball will be able to compete in a large, very competitive club volleyball league."

Last spring, men's volleyball was rejoicing after one of its most successful seasons in recent history. The team was ranked as high as sixth nationally for Division III schools, playing against Division I schools, such as Harvard and Sacred Heart University. Delehanty and Steve Terplak were both named National Player of the Week, and Delehanty also earned All-American honors. Frank Holland led the nation (all divisions) in digs per game. All three seniors have since graduated, but the incoming freshmen recruits are poised and ready to take the reins of the New England volleyball juggernaut.

However, when the need for a swim team arose and Kolb realized the budget was tight, something had to be eliminated. The athletic director met with members of his senior staff and President Nirschel, and interviewed many of the coaches before making his decision. Coach Holden was notified of the decision in a private meeting on May 27. The timing of the decision, noted Holden, was unfortunate.

"Although the athletic

director had many reasons why he waited to announce the news, it was not easy to accept at such a late date," said Holden. "Even if this decision was cast in stone with no way out, advanced warning or at least one year notice would have made it easier to swallow."

Meanwhile, six recruits who had committed to playing volleyball for RWU were told of the decision after their deadlines for housing deposits and programs at other universities had since expired. Kolb explained that this was the toughest part of the decision.

"There was no good time to announce this...

ments, he chose the path of least resistance."

When men's sports are sacrificed for co-ed sports that are primarily female, questions always arise about the Title IX Gender Equity Acts of 1972, which state that money must be distributed equally to both men's and women's sports. However, Kolb insisted that while the numbers will be of some help, it was not a factor in the decision.

"In terms of pure numbers, it will have some effect," said Kolb. "I think we've made good strides in meeting the needs of female athletes. But the popularity of swimming and the financial aspects are most

"I was very disappointed when the decision was made. This event really put a sour note on my college experience at RWU."

It was felt that announcing immediately, although difficult, was the best decision... Every attempt was made to contact (the recruits) and help them get into other schools if they so chose," said Kolb.

Delehanty was outraged at the timing of the announcement.

"George Kolb was a coward for waiting until nobody would be around to complain," said Delehanty. "Instead of allowing for people to make alternate arrange-

important."

Holden now serves as the head coach of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth women's volleyball team. He left the RWU program after seven seasons with a 110-53 record, primarily against Division I and II schools. While both he and Kolb claim that they left on good terms, Holden admits that parts of the dismissal were tough.

"I'm definitely not bitter, just disappointed in how it was handled," he

said. "I was hurt greatly and so were my guys. Thankfully (the seniors) got to go out in style with a good season."

Ultimately, the question remains: if this can happen to volleyball, one of the more successful programs in the department, could it happen to other programs? Kolb argued that it's not likely.

"This will not impact wrestling," he said, referring to the team, which does a fair amount of traveling, but does not play in the CCC. "People aren't aware of things that happen behind the scenes here. Everybody is clear and positive

about the direction we are going in. Right now wrestling is a fit. We look at things pretty consistently and we try to be creative with our funds. We try to talk to teams and athletes, and we spend a lot of time working with coaches. The programs we have now are a fit for what we are doing."

For players like Delehanty, the decision is still a bitter pill to swallow.

"I was very disappointed when the decision was made," he said. "I was looking forward to staying involved with the team after I graduated... This event really put a sour note on my college experience at RWU."

Open voices, music, welcome at Expression Session

Lauren Kulberg
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Last Thursday evening, a group of people outside the student union were heard saying things such as "That was awesome," "Splendid," and "I think smooth about covers it."

These people were not talking about a party they had just attended. They were talking about Expression Session.

Expression Session is an "open forum for expression," according to Chad Crain, a student coordinator for the event.

By dimming the lights, The Other Place assumes a more intimate setting.

This week featured an eclectic mix of music, from original songwriters to a free-style hip-hop battle. Throughout the whole session the audience was cheering, laughing, and singing along.

More than 20 people, some of whom do not attend RWU, came to the first Expression Session. Crain says that if attendance rises through the year, Expression Session will be able to move to a more spacious setting and attract larger acts.

The next Expression Session will be held Thursday, September 30 at 10 p.m. in The Other Place.

We want your stories and pictures!
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ASK MEG & ASH

with all of "your" songs and his favorite pack of gum. Text him on his cell phone in the morning before class to tell him that you love him and are thinking about him. Talk nightly, but do not spend hours on the phone! You will miss out on bonding experiences with your peers. Also, getting involved with activities outside the classroom will help with your loneliness. Trust is also key. Go out and have a good time and allow him to as well. Don't limit each other. By showing each other you care while allowing space and personal growth, your relationship will last through this time of adjustment.

Dear Meg and Ash:

I am a junior who just transferred from a college in Boston to RWU. I live in an on-campus apartment and get randomly put in with three other girls who I have nothing in common with. We do not get along at all. I find myself sitting in my room alone most of the time while the other girls go out and do stuff. I am trying to make new friends in my classes but everyone seems to already have their own set groups of friends. I really miss the city bustle everything was right at my fingertips and there seemed to be more ways to meet people. What can I do about this? Should I request to move out of my apartment or just try to make do with the roommates I have? Please Help Me!

Bayside Blues

Bayside Blues:

Many transfer students have trouble fitting in at first. There are a few things you can do to help your situation. First, get involved! Most of the friends you make in college will come from extracurricular activities. We have a variety of clubs and organizations on campus that would love new members. A list of clubs is on the RWU website (click on campus life and then click on clubs and activities). You can find out the officers of those clubs by going to the Student Senate office located in the Rec Center. If you have work-study, apply for jobs where you will be around other people. For example, the people in campus programs are very outgoing. The office is full of energy. The department of student life always has students coming in and out. Also, be friendly! Say "Hi" to classmates and make polite conversation. Eventually it will turn into a friendship. I know the girls you live with aren't exactly your type but try to be social. Perhaps if you hung out with them and met some of their other friends, you could hit it off!

Keep those questions coming! Email: askmeg_ash@hotmail.com

Misery Loves Company

Men's soccer shuts down Wentworth; look likely to repeat CCC crown

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

Miserable. "Being in a pitiable state of distress or unhappiness (as from want or shame)," as defined in Webster's Dictionary. A prime example of this definition was displayed last Thursday when the RWU men's soccer team, coming in flat-lined from a 3-0 loss to Amherst College, began its quest to defend their Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) crown against Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The loss to Amherst was hard enough for the Hawks to shake off, but the condition of Bayside field was almost insurmountable. The heavy rain started beating down on the grass two hours before kickoff and the drainage system failed, so the field was deemed unplayable and the game was moved to the upper field, which is

home to the baseball and soccer team, but not suitable for spectators. This, to no one's surprise, made the situation more miserable. There was no seating for the Hawks loyal fans, who drape the sidelines at every game. As if it couldn't get any more miserable the Wentworth Institute Leopards did their best turtle-crawl to the match, delaying the game 25 minutes.

Through all this - the disappointing loss to Amherst, the unforgiving rain, the terrible condition of the field, the cranky fans and the slowest leopards on the face of this earth, the RWU Hawks soared above the trouble, beating Wentworth 5-0 in a brutally physical match.

The Hawks got off to a quick start from the opening whistle. Freshman Nate Boucher took a cross pass from junior Michael Bray to put the Hawks up 1-0



Tim Mannion

Sophomore goalkeeper Kevin Deegan makes a diving stop. Deegan blanked the Wentworth offense as the Hawks prevailed 5-0.

just five minutes into the game. The Hawks would score another goal four minutes later, when senior Sean Whalen took a double header from fellow seniors Brian Cussen and Brian Combra.

"They (Wentworth) play on turf so the game at their home field is more fast but on a slow field like this we have to play more physical to knock them off their balance," said senior mid-

fielder Combra. As Combra got physical with the Leopards, the rest of the team followed suit.

The Hawks dumped on two more goals before halftime, and when they came out for the second period, the clouds had opened up and the umbrellas had retired to the ground. The change in mood could be seen on the faces of the Hawks team and fans. RWU would

play a mistake-free, ball-controlled second half on the way to a shutout win for goalkeeper Kevin Deegan.

"We needed this. It was a tough loss on Saturday and we just needed to come into today and solidify our home field advantage," said Combra.

The Hawks will try to keep that advantage when they take on Eastern Nazarene College, September 25.

Tough Loss

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

After a painful three hours (they looked good though), the RWU women's tennis team suffered a bitter defeat at the hands of Salve Regina, losing 8-1 Wednesday night. The team, which came in 2-3 on the season, had hoped to rebound from a 7-2 loss at the hands of Colby-Sawyer. But the good-looking Hawks could not outplay the SRU Seahawks.

The lone highlight in the match was Caitlyn Leone, who came into the game with a four game singles winning streak and was just recently awarded CCC player of the week. Leone battled with Salve freshman Louise Taylor until the lights went on and both teams had gath-



Tim Mannion

Senior Jennifer McMahon returns a serve.

ered around the cage to cheer their respected teammates. The loss drops RWU to a 2-4 overall record, 1-3 in the CCC.

RWU will be hitting the road with a September 28 match at Curry College before heading back home for a match against Rhode Island College on September 30.

Men's soccer defeats Babson

Team advances to 4-2-2

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

Nate Boucher netted a hat trick, and Sean Whalen added two assists as the RWU men's soccer team defeated Babson College 3-1 on Wednesday.

Boucher's first goal came with 29:22 remaining in the first half. Whalen sent a pass into the middle, which Boucher picked cleanly and sent into the top corner for the 1-0 lead.

Fifteen minutes later, Boucher added a second goal, another header on a perfect feed from Brian Cussen. The shot, slow and high-arched, just found its way to the back of the net, putting the

Hawks ahead 2-0. Babson scored their lone goal just a few minutes later on a free kick in front of the RWU net, but the Hawks brought a 2-1 lead into halftime.

Boucher completed his triple feat with just under 20 minutes remaining. Whalen sent another ball into dangerous territory, and Boucher finished with a quick shot that beat the Babson keeper easily.

The freshman forward entered the game with four goals on the season and now has a large lead in points after eight team games.

"It was a good team effort," said Boucher. "The team played well.

We stepped up and came to play. We come out flat sometimes but this time we came out hard at the start and played hard all game."

Hawks coach Jim Cook was pleased with the team's effort.

"The team played well," said Cook. "We finally got the combination of new and returning players playing together. This was one of the toughest games on our schedule. It was a great win for us."

The Hawks improved their record to 4-2-2 and will host Eastern Nazarene College on Saturday, September 25 at noon.



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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Leone posted a 4-0 record while playing both singles and doubles. She had a hand in the Hawks' only two points versus undefeated Colby-Sawyer, winning her singles match 7-5, 7-5, and 8-3.